Name _____

Literal or Infer Answer Key

1. **Literal** - She was playing soccer.
    - *Textual Clue:* "Elena stepped onto the soccer field."
2. **Inferential** - She was nervous because it was the championship game.
    - *Textual Clue:* "Elena tightened her shoelaces nervously" + context: "for her team's championship game."
    - *Reasoning:* The game's importance caused her nervousness.
3. **Literal** - The stadium erupted in applause, and her teammates lifted her onto their shoulders.
    - *Textual Clue:* "The stadium erupted in applause, and her teammates lifted her onto their shoulders."
4. **Inferential** - They practiced daily, even in the rain, showing effort and commitment.
    - *Textual Clue:* "She remembered how the team had practiced every day after school, even in the rain."
    - *Reasoning:* Frequent practice under tough conditions means they worked hard.

Teacher Notes:

- Highlight how **Literal answers = direct recall** vs. **Inferential answers = connecting context + clues**.
- Consider an extension: have students write **one evaluative question** of their own based on the passage.

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